

# SCRAPPY PREMIER

## FINALE AT MARLOW

Marlow 2,  
Wycombe Wanderers 2  
ALTHOUGH Tuesday night's Premier Midweek Floodlight League local derby produced four goals, it proved a disappointing finale for both Wycombe Wanderers and Marlow, who have now concluded their section B programme.

No doubt Marlow will be pleased to have held their neighbours to a draw and for their 100 per cent effort and running they certainly deserved a share of the points. But they needed both to finish above Wokingham Town for the runners up spot and must now be satisfied with third place.

With little to play for as they have already won the section, Wanderers found it hard to offset Marlow's aggressive tactics and for the most part, the match was ragged and scrappy.

The main problem was in their distribution, which was well below par while the attack never really struck up any understanding. One of the reasons for this was the form of Mick Holifield, sadly lacking in confidence. Mick was seldom on terms with his

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keep the score down.  
Wokingham keeper Bob Sanderson  
was from goal and it took some fine  
ways looked dangerous in  
Mick Holifield but Lawood  
calmly had outstanding games  
DARRELL THURSTON

Receiving a pass from Alan Gane, Birdseye who had just shot well wide from a similar position, fired in a 20 yard drive at Eddie Junger. The keeper could only push the ball aside and Brian Langfield eagerly raced in to prod the chance home.

Far from demoralised, Marlow came roaring back and within two minutes were on level terms, with a great goal. From a free kick near the corner flag, Paul Kurka arched over an accurate cross to the far post where P. Stone, steaming in like a train, rammed a header past Peter Spittle.

With Johnny Bebb and Colin Reid spraying long passes out to the flanks, Marlow continued to hold the upper hand, although John Delaney should have put the Blues ahead when he screwed a shot wide when well placed.

Just before the interval, Junger brought a poor first half to life with a superb one handed save from Langfield. A cross by Pritchard found Langfield who fired in a fierce drive. Junger, perfectly placed, fisted the ball over the top.

There was a rude awakening for Wycombe at the start of the sec-

ond half – just ten seconds of it in fact. That's all it took Marlow to go into the lead when the strong Ray Palmer latched onto Derek Gamblin's poor pass back and slotted the ball past the oncoming Spittle for a shock goal.

### CHOPPING TACKLE

Rand was lucky to get away with a chopping tackle on Langfield in the 36th minute – one of several fouls that punctuated the game. However, Marlow, still managing to maintain their first half pace, kept the edge as Wanderers continued to

waste their possession.

There were occasional individual flashes, when Horseman brought a good save from Junger with a 25 yard effort after 67 minutes. Then Langfield should have scored with a header that skidded wide, but he made amends in the 74th minute.

Again Marlow's rearguard were slow to blow out the danger as Pritchard slung a cross over to Langfield just inside the penalty area. Brian brought the ball under control and then powered a great shot well wide of Junger.

Tony Amos, Wycombe's leading scorer, came on for Alan Gane with 14 minutes remaining and brought a brave stop from Junger in the 85th minute. Apart from that effort, he made little impression on the game which came to a close after Palmer had found the side netting with a good run to the near post.

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**Marlow:** E. Junger, C. Jenkins, M. Rand, P. Stone, M. McKeown, M. Hill, C. Reid, J. Bebb, R. Palmer, M. Page, P. Kurka. Sub I. Shield (not used).

**Wycombe:** P. Spittle, D. Gamblin, I. Rundle, J. Delaney, K. Blunt, B. Birdseye, A. Gane, (sub A. Amos 76 mins.), L. Pritchard, B. Langfield, A. Horseman, M. Holifield.

**Referee:** P. J. Bradbury (Slough).

**Half time:** 1-1. **Goalscorers:** Wycombe – Langfield 2 (12, 74). Marlow – Stone (14), Palmer (46).

### PREMIER MIDWEEK FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

#### Section B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe W	10	8	1	1	34	8	20
Wokingham T	10	4	3	3	10	14	12
Marlow	10	3	3	4	15	16	9
Banbury U	9	3	2	4	13	21	9
Oxford City	8	3	0	5	18	19	7
Chesham U	9	1	3	5	10	22	6